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OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND DEMAND RESTRAINT

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1. U.S. APPRECIATES PROMPT RESPONSE AND COMMENTS TO DRAFT
FINAL REPORT CONTAINED DEPTTEL. U.S. FEELS THAT
MANY OF JAPANESE COMMENTS ARE IMPROVEMENTS. HOWEVER, WE ARE
TROUBLED BY EXTENSIVE DELETIONS IN OBJECTIVES AND RE-
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COMMENDATIONS SECTIONS. AS WE FEEL COMMENTS ON PREFACE,

TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND GENERAL CONCLUSIONS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED FAIRLY EASILY, THIS CABLE WILL DEAL WITH THEM FIRST.

2. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON SECTIONS I, II, AND V ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPH AND LINE NUMBERS IN DEPTTEL AND SPECIFIC JAPANESE COMMENTS APPLICABLE TO THOSE SECTIONS.

A. WE AGREE WITH COMMENT ON SECTION I, PARA 2, AND SUGGEST ADDING "ITALY" BEFORE "SWEDEN."

B. WITH RESPECT TO COMMENT ON SECTION I, PARA 4, LINE 5, IT IS TRUE THAT SOME DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES MIGHT BE VOLUNTARY AS OPPOSED TO BEING MANDATED BY GOVERNMENT. NEVERTHELESS, DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT NORMALLY BE TAKEN WITHOUT SOME EXTERNAL FORCE. WE SUGGEST SUBSTITUTING THE WORD "REQUIRED" FOR "THE MANDATORY."

C. WE AGREE WITH THE COMMENT OF REPLACING THE TERM "STAFFS OF THE OECD SECRETARIAT AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES COMMISSION" WITH "RAPPORTEURS."

D. WITH REGARD TO THE COMMENT ON SECTION II, PARA 3, LINE 9, WE FEEL THAT A PRINCIPAL INGREDIENT OF MEANINGFUL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WILL BE AGREEMENT ON A FORMAT FOR REPORTING INTERNATIONALLY INFORMATION RESULTING FROM NATIONAL EFFORTS IN COMPARABLE TERMS. WHILE IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO DEFINE THESE COMPARABLE TERMS, AN EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION MUST BE MADE. AT A MINIMUM, WE FEEL IT ESSENTIAL TO DEFINE THE DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH AND MEASUREMENT. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, LIKE TO SEE THIS SENTENCE REMAIN.

E. WE CAN AGREE TO THE SUBSTITUTE PARAGRAPH 4 OF SECTION II, BUT SUGGEST THAT IT MIGHT BE EDITORIALY IMPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

"IT WAS ALSO AGREED AT THE GROUP'S MARCH 28 MEETING THAT THE GROUP WOULD DEVELOP A PRACTICABLE APPROACH TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE WITHIN THE TIME FRAME ALLOTTED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THUS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOURTH SPECIFIC TERM OF REFERENCE WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AS A PART OF THE FOLLOW-UP WORK TO THE GROUP'S REPORT. THE FIFTH AND SIXTH SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD ALSO BE DEVELOPED, INsofar AS PRACTICABLE, IN THE COURSE OF EVALUATING NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT EFFORTS AS A PART OF THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

F. (COMMENT J OF REFTTEL) AGREE TO DELETION OF LAST SENTENCE PARA 2, SECTION V.

G. (COMMENT K OF REFTTEL) AGREE TO DELETION OF WORDS "TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE" IN LAST LINE PARA 3, SECTION V. WITH REGARD TO THE THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA 5, SECTION V (COMMENT L OF REFTTEL), WE SUGGEST FOR CLARIFICATION INSERTION OF FOLLOWING PHRASE AFTER WORD "PRICE":
"INCREASES FOR TRADITIONAL SOURCES OF ENERGY SUPPLY"

H. (COMMENT M) WHAT IS MEANT BY PARA 6, SECTION V, IS THAT THE DEFINITION OF NATIONAL GOALS MUST BE A CONTINUING PROCESS; OTHERWISE THEY BECOME VERY MUCH EMPTY RHETORIC. OVER TIME, SUPPLY CONDITIONS WILL CHANGE; NEW SOURCES OF SUPPLY MAY BE DEVELOPED; PRICES OF EXISTING SUPPLY MAY CHANGE. IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTORS, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES MUST BE CHANGED OVER TIME. OUR IDEA IS TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL PROCESS WHEREBY NATIONS CAN REPORT ON THEIR ENERGY CONSERVATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND MAKE CHANGES IN THEM ON A CONTINUING BASIS AS THEY BETTER DEVELOP MORE EFFECTIVE ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES. WE ARE OPEN TO CHANGING THE WORDING OF PARA 6 TO REFLECT THIS EXPLANATION AND SUGGEST THAT WE DO THIS IF NECESSARY IN PARIS MAY 9.

I.(COMMENT N REFTTEL) WITH RESPECT TO LAST EIGHT LINES OF PARA 7, SECTION V, WE ARE AGREEABLE TO DELETING THE LAST SENTENCE AS A CONCLUSION; HOWEVER,WE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE (BEGINNING "SUCH COOPEATION") AS THIS CONCLUSION IS, IN OUR OPINION, WE
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